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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FANINI ET AL.

Examiner

Reena Aurora

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21 - 29 and 36 - 45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21 - 29 and 36 - 45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

This communication is in response to amendment received on 02/27/06.

Claim 21 – 29 and 36 – 45 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 21, 22 and 24 - 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Strack et al. (6,147,496).

As to claims 21, 22 and 24, Strack et al. (hereinafter Strack) discloses a method for determining electrical conductivity of a laminated earth formation, the method comprises conveying a multi-component resistivity logging tool (9, fig. 1) into a borehole (1) in a selected layer (3) the formation (3, 5, 7) and using at least one transmitter receiver combinations (18, 19) and providing a measurement having selective sensitivity to the parameter of interest (col. 3, line 59 – col. 4, line 27).

As to claim 25, Starck discloses providing a measurement at a plurality of frequencies and using the measurement at the plurality of frequencies for determining the parameter of interest (col. 4, lines 28 - 50).

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As to claims 26 – 29, Strack discloses performing multi-component transmitter receiver array measurements at different orthogonal and non-orthogonal orientations (col. 5, lines 19 - 34).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 23 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Strack et al. (6,147,496) in view of Hagiwara et al. (6,181,138).

As to claims 23 and 36, Strack fails to disclose that measurement of a multi-component array combined with measurement of at least one of a gyro, accelerometer, magnetometer and inclinometer. Hagiwara et al. (hereinafter Hagiwara) discloses directional resistivity measurements wherein Hagiwara further discloses well bore directional measurements can be made using accelerometer or magnetometer (col. 6, lines 15 - 27). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify the device of Strack in view of Hagiwara to include an accelerometer or magnetometer for accurately providing the directional measurements.

Claims 37 - 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Strack et al. (6,147,496) in view of Hagiwara et al. (6,181,138) as applied to claim 21 above, and further in view of Clark et al. (6,297,639).

As to claims 37 – 45, Strack fails to show a first aperture shaped to focus a magnetic field for a first coil associated with the first aperture. Clark et al. (hereinafter Clark) discloses a method and apparatus for directional well logging with a shield having sloped slots having a first aperture (12, fig. 3 and 4) shaped to focus a magnetic field for a first coil (11). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify the device of Strack et al. (6,147,496) in view of Clark to provide an aperture shaped to focus magnetic field for a first coil to provide optimum shielding effect.

Response to Arguments

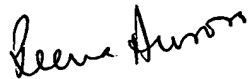
Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 21 – 29 and 36 - 45 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Reena Aurora whose telephone number is 571-272-2263. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:00 - 3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, E. Lefkowitz can be reached on 571-272-2180. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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